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For: **EXTREMELY FINE SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY WIRE, COMPOSITE MATERIAL USING THE SAME, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Enclosed is a Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report from the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived citing and setting forth the relevance of EP 0 709 482, JP-A-7-197221, JP-A-6-212018 and JP-A-9-176330. The relevance of WO 02/097149 can be understood from the discussion at page 1 of the present application.

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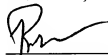
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